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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Katou et al.

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Examiner: Christopher J. Boswell

For: LOCK APPARATUS

Honorable Commissioner of Patents
Box AF
Alexandria, VA 22313 - 1450AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 20, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Claims 1-26 are all the claims presently pending in the application. Claims 4, 9-10, and 25-26 are amended to more clearly define the invention. Claims 1, 10, and 25-26 are independent.

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